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Housing in Southern California is scarce and often unaffordable. In Los Angeles County, our need for affordable housing is urgent. Increasing numbers of residents are being priced out of decent, nearby neighborhoods. Those who can afford to remain in their communities often live in crowded or substandard conditions. When families are forced to leave their neighborhoods they move farther from their jobs, exacerbating our region's already gridlocked traffic problem. The proposed draft Affordable Housing Policy for Marina del Rey does not require enough affordable housing units for the neediest income levels. The draft policy allows developers to replace all units occupied by low and moderate income tenants with only moderate income units. This may lead to an overall loss of rental affordability for lower income residents in the Marina. This Board has an obligation to ensure that residents of all income levels can afford to live in Marina del Rey.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE the Board of Supervisors:

For purposes of completing the environmental review under CEQA, instruct the CAO to:

1. Incorporate into the draft Affordable Housing Policy for Marina del Rey the goal that five percent of the adjusted total units be set aside as low income units and that five percent of the adjusted total units be set aside as moderate income units; and

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2. Incorporate into the draft policy the requirement that the rental levels of replacement units be equivalent to the income level of the existing residents whose income level triggers the replacement requirement – in other words, like for like replacement; and
3. Incorporate into the draft policy the requirement that the affordability covenant remain for the entire length of the lease; and
4. Prepare the appropriate environmental document reflecting these parameters, and circulate it for public review and comment and return the revised policy and environmental document for our consideration within 90 days.

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